

REMARKS

Claim 17 is herein amended. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, 15-21, 23-31, 42 and 44-48 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, 15-21, 23-31, 42 and 44-48 were rejected based on various combinations of TERAS Evaluation Module User Guide (hereinafter "TERAS"), Dusterhoft (U.S. Pub. 2004/0122640), Curtis (U.S. Pub. 2002/0053430), Joshi et al. (Techno--Economic and Risk Evaluation of a Thermal Recovery Project), Ortoleva (U.S. Pub 2002/0013687 A1), and material the Examiner deems to be Applicants' admitted prior art. Each of these combinations includes Dusterhoft (U.S. Pub. 2004/0122640; App No. 10/324,940). However, Application No. 10/324,940 which published as 2004/0122640 is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 since, at the time the invention of the present application was made, Application 10/324,940 was owned by Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., and the present application was under an obligation of assignment to Landmark Graphics Corporation. Landmark Graphics Corporation was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. at the time the invention of the present application was made. Therefore, removal of the rejections under § 103 is kindly requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above-referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5460-01101/JCH.

Also filed herewith are the following items:

- ☐ Request for Continued Examination
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Power of Attorney By Assignee and Revocation of Previous Powers
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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